## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, ex rel. State Engineer

Plaintiff,

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RAMON ARAGON, et al.,

Defendants.

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RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM Rio Gallina, Section 5

## STATUS REPORT BY THE STATE ENGINEER

COMES NOW the plaintiff, State of New Mexico, ex rel., State Engineer, by and through its undersigned attorney, and submits the following status report on the progress of the adjudication of the Rio Gallina Section of the Rio Chama Stream System pursuant to the Order entered by the Special Master on August 15, 2000 (Doc. No. 5926).

## **RIO GALLINA SECTION**

- 1. Of the approximately 128 claimants in this section 118 claimants have either waived service of process or have been served in person. The State has been unable to serve or locate 10 claimants.
- 2. The State has held day-long field offices in Gallina on four occasions, and has met with approximately 65 claimants.
- 3. During the four field offices, and at other times, the State has conducted 35 field inspections. Approximately one-half of the inspection reports have been processed by the State. Revised proposed consent orders, with new aerial photographic maps attached, have been sent to

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these claimants beginning August 28, 2000. Action on the remaining claims is ongoing and is expected to continue for at least another 4 weeks.

- 4. Seven claims from persons whose lands were omitted from the hydrographic survey report ("omitted claims") have been received. Approximately one-half of these claims have been investigated and field checked
  - 5. The State has received 9 signed consent orders.
- 6. The State has completed its field work in connection with federal stock watering and wildlife watering claims in the Rio Gallina Section, and a report on these claims is under preparation.
- 7. The State requests that no definite schedule for the resolution of disputed claims be entered at this time. Evaluation of certain claims is still ongoing, and counsel for the State anticipates receiving an additional number of "omitted claims" in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that the foregoing Motion to Correct Defendants' Names was mailed to the following persons on September \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2000.

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